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April 21, 2010

Via Electronic Transmission

Toby Douglas
Chief Deputy Director
Health Care Programs
California Department of Health Care Services
State of California
1501 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chief Deputy Director Douglas:

In the United States, the federal and state governments spend roughly \$317 billion every year on the Medicaid program. As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, I have an obligation to ensure that taxpayer dollars are appropriately spent on federal health care programs. Like the Medicare program, Medicaid suffers from systemic weaknesses that lead to fraud, waste, and abuse across the program, resulting in higher costs and less health care to those who are in need. The overutilization of prescription drugs, whether through drug abuse or outright fraud, plays a significant role in the rising cost of our healthcare system. The purpose of this letter is to request information regarding certain outliers in California's Medicaid program and what steps California takes to monitor rates of utilization.

In recent inquiries, I have asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services about physicians prescribing mental health drugs at astonishingly high rates. In addition to these concerns, a recent CNN report detailed the increasing abuse of OxyContin, Roxicodone, and Xanax. Specifically, the report described the role some pain management clinics and physicians play in the black market for these drugs. I write today to better ascertain how high rates of both mental health and pain medication utilization are affecting the Medicaid program, as well as how California's rates compare to the national rates.

To that end, please provide charts that list of the top ten Medicaid prescribers of the following drugs for the years 2008 and 2009. For each prescriber, please provide his/her prescriber identifier, and the number of prescriptions written per drug per year, and the total amount billed to Medicaid per drug, separated for each year.

- Abilify;
- Geodon;
- Seroquel;
- Zyprexa;

- Risperdal;
- OxyContin;
- Roxicodone; and
- Xanax.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and request that you provide the requested documents and written responses by no later than May 5, 2010. In your reply, please format information into a chart like the examples provided below. All formal correspondence should be sent electronically in PDF format to Brian_Downey@finance-rep.senate.gov or via facsimile to (202) 228-2131. Of course should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Armstrong of my Committee staff at (202) 224-4515.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Grassley".

Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member

Attachment

Drug X, 2008

Prescriber Identifier	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medicaid
123456789	25,000	250,000
234567891	24,000	240,000
345678912	23,000	230,000
456789123	22,000	220,000
567891234	21,000	210,000
678912345	20,000	200,000
789123456	19,000	190,000
891234567	18,000	180,000
912345678	17,000	170,000
012345678	16,000	160,000

Drug X, 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medicaid
123456789	25,000	250,000
234567891	24,000	240,000
345678912	23,000	230,000
456789123	22,000	220,000
567891234	21,000	210,000
678912345	20,000	200,000
789123456	19,000	190,000
891234567	18,000	180,000
912345678	17,000	170,000
012345678	16,000	160,000



DAVID MAXWELL-JOLLY
Director

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
United States Senate
Committee on Finance
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Dear Senator Grassley:

Your letter to Toby Douglas, Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs was referred to me for a response. Thank you for your interest in controlling health care costs and assuring the most appropriate use of prescription drugs within the nation's Medicaid programs. We share your interest in protecting the Medicaid program from fraud, waste and abuse and in that spirit, are providing you with the information in the format you requested.

We caution, however, against the potential for misuse or misinterpretation of this information if used independently and without regard for the multitude of factors that should be considered. Using the raw data in a vacuum could result in serious and unfounded allegations being made against physicians for whom there is no reasonable or credible reason to believe the physician may have violated any law or regulation.

We respectfully note that while high rates of mental health or pain medication utilization are worthy of examination, they should not be considered absolute indicators of fraud and abuse, without consideration for other factors including, but not limited to, physicians' specialties, geographic locations and population demographics, to name just a few.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Pilar Williams
Chief, Pharmacy Benefits Division
Department of Health Care Services

Senator Grassley's Office Request for Drug Data

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Abilify (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1114041712	GREWAL, HARINDER MD	960	\$ 523,725
1609987510	QUISLING, STEWART MD	467	512,645
1669577896	KING, AUBREY ANCIL MD	923	429,196
1427263953	SCHAVE, DOUGLAS JAY MD	486	428,203
1982817466	SCHWERDTFEGER, HARRY DONALD MD	796	397,752
1114952876	MATALON, LEOR MATALON MD	860	384,162
1336188739	HAMRANG, SULTANA NOORI MD	695	350,887
1043378193	HENDERSON, HARRY C. III MD	603	347,299
1134281272	TON-THAT, NIEM MD	822	344,972
1568505931	CIASCA, RICHARD MD	708	342,400

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Geodon (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1861459109	CHATSUTHIPHAN, VISIT MD	946	\$ 369,111
1043378193	HENDERSON, HARRY C. III MD	534	313,452
1114041712	GREWAL, HARINDER MD	486	187,473
1043356850	AHMAD, BUSHRA F. MD	308	150,286
1295802700	SMITH, SAMUEL PENNEY MD	269	141,804
1538167986	BROWN, PATRICK MD	452	135,887
1568567105	JAVEED, SURYABANU	286	124,015
1760565154	BARNETT, MICHAEL S. MD	329	115,364
1992718654	KASSEM, ZOHEIR HAMED MD	145	113,199
1427190487	GAREWAL, JAGDEEP SINGH MD	272	109,014

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Zyprexa (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1730274176	KUSHNIR, YAROSLAV MD	755	\$ 568,637
1982796165	PATTARA, SANTI MD	955	524,962
1134281272	TON-THAT, NIEM MD	1,267	473,489
1538101506	WONG, JON MD	504	434,845
1205902301	TON-THAT, CHAU DO	1,045	405,797
1386610988	MAKHANI, MEHBOOB ALI MD	503	398,796
1316030323	NEZHADIAN, FRANK MD	507	355,440
1780732941	SELVAGE, CHRIS T. MD	451	351,168
1659382588	ALLEN, JOHN W. MD	418	346,569
1063423903	OHIAERI, IKECHUKWU ANELE MD	410	332,881

Source : Californial Medi-Cal Pharmacy Paid Claims for 2009

Senator Grassley's Office Request for Drug Data

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Risperdal (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1538101506	WONG, JON MD INC	420	\$ 244,116
1447271242	DEY, SAMUEL EUSTACE JR. MD	529	182,394
1497813968	KUGEL, SAMUEL MD	401	160,746
1275615718	GAMBOA, JOSE MD	343	156,772
1063554566	KADOYAN, ARA D. MD	427	154,557
1730274176	KUSHNIR, YAROSLAV MD INC	328	150,997
1629015656	NGUYEN, MAI H MD INC	422	148,349
1568505931	CIASCA, RICHARD MD	319	144,008
1669577896	KING, AUBREY A. MD	456	142,971
1144351636	VALDES, MARIA L. MD	565	139,263

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Seroquel (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1730274176	KUSHNIR, YAROSLAV MD INC	1,382	\$ 585,456
1114041712	GREWAL, HARINDER MD	1,546	581,535
1124039052	ETCHIE, SAMUEL O. MD	1,059	449,886
1235308297	BALT, STEVEN LEO MD	1,013	449,005
1366647463	LAMPE, STEFAN MD	969	447,059
1790811610	KAUFMAN, SAMUEL W. MD	639	401,390
1588701726	BUCKLEY, THOMAS MD	766	393,513
1760565154	BARNETT, MICHAEL S. MD	562	368,579
1174616882	ARELLA, SALVADOR ARIT SR. MD	580	351,169
1134281272	TON-THAT, NIEM MD	1,594	331,806

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Roxicodone (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1417945684	GIOVANNINI, ANDREW M. MD	29	\$ 10,036
1750381687	LOUGHLIN, KATHLEEN ANN MD	25	6,437
1336220581	KARNEGES, FRANK G. DO	13	6,015
1770679946	WHITE, JAMES G. MD	9	4,930
1750393351	ECHAVES, STEPHEN ARTHUR PHARM D	16	4,029
1609093319	KOLINSKY, DAVID M. MD	3	1,677
1316051501	PRINCE, DIANA M. MD	1	1,264
1982604047	YOUNG, JEFFREY M. MD	7	1,003
1093837056	GELARDI, NAOMI V. FNP	3	963
1053405670	SATO, ROBYN KYOMI DO	9	785

Source : California Medi-Cal Pharmacy Paid Claims for 2009

Senator Grassley's Office Request for Drug Data

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Oxycontin (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1417945684	GIOVANNINI, ANDREW M. MD	784	\$ 800,885
1972691418	MANOUGIAN, EDWARD MD	366	708,764
1518957539	MONROY, ANDREW G. MD	338	428,179
1720002231	SCHULLER, ARTHUR BRUNO MD	191	409,973
1215009113	ALI, ASHMEAD MD	258	375,860
1386653004	SHEA, SUSAN I. NP	145	369,644
1356324909	THOMAS NEUSCHATZ MD	281	293,528
1750393351	ECHAVES, STEPHEN ARTHUR PHARM D	243	230,970
1770571515	GOYAL, HARI O. MD	272	203,275
1144461567	GUTIERREZ, ALFONSO PA-C	185	180,710

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Xanax (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Prescriber Name	Total prescriptions	Total billed to Medi-Cal
1720179385	SMITH, MICHAEL WILLIAM MD	8	\$ 3,830
1255542908	HEIDENFELDER, RICHARD P.	13	3,395
1619015039	HENRY, EDWIN JAY PAC	13	3,044
1043378193	HENDERSON, HARRY C. III MD	11	2,703
1538152830	SAMTOY, HENRY MD	13	2,653
1447366018	SOGHOMONIAN, ARA K. MD	17	2,625
1649299876	JINAMORNPHONGS, SUCHAYA	7	2,520
1467409441	SMITH, KATHERINE H. MD	15	2,462
1689626483	PADUA, DANIEL NATIOLA PADUA III MD	12	2,447
1265415277	MILLS, ELISEO JR. MD	6	2,437

Source: Californial Medi-Cal Pharmacy Paid Claims for 2009

Enclosure

cc: Toby Douglas
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs
Department of Health Care Services
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6275

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January 23, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Pilar Williams
Chief, Pharmacy Benefits Division
Department of Health Care Services, MS 4604
P.O. Box 997413
Sacramento, CA 95899-7417

Dear Ms. Williams:

On May 20, 2010, the California Department of Health Care Services provided my office with data regarding the top ten prescribers of several pain management and mental health drugs in your state. These types of drugs have addictive properties, and the potential for fraud and abuse by prescribers and patients is extremely high. Mental health drugs continue to be prescribed at astounding rates and pain management clinics are turning into a hotbed for black market painkillers. When these drugs are prescribed to Medicaid patients, it is the American people who pay the price for over-prescription, abuse, and fraud.

After an extensive review of prescribing habits of the serial prescribers of pain and mental health drugs in California, I have concerns about the oversight and enforcement of Medicaid abuse in your state. While I am sensitive to the concerns you highlight about the potential for misinterpretation of the data you provided, the numbers themselves are quite shocking.

For example, two doctors who practice together in the same clinic and have the same surname, wrote a combined 2,312 prescriptions for Zyprexa in 2009 at a cost of

\$879,286 to Medi-Cal. This is more than double the next prescriber and five times the amount prescribed by the tenth most prolific prescriber. Zyprexa is abused in conjunction with opioids in order to intensify and extend their effect. One of these same psychiatrists also wrote an astonishing 1,594 prescriptions for Seroquel—a drug that is being abused at alarming rates across the country—and another 822 prescriptions for Abilify.

It is my intention to ensure that each of the states is adequately monitoring, investigating, and stopping fraud and over-prescription of these types of drugs. Therefore, please provide answers to the following questions:

1. What action, if any, has your agency taken with respect to the prescribers identified to the Committee?
2. If there has been no action taken with respect to these prescribers, please explain why not.
3. Please identify which of the providers identified to the Committee remain eligible to bill the Medicaid Program.
4. Please provide the 2010 and 2011 numbers for the top prescribers of these same drugs.
5. Has each of these prescribers been cross-checked for complaints or misconduct with the state medical board or the National Practitioner Data Bank? If not, do you plan to do so?
6. Have any of the prescribers identified to this Committee been referred to your state medical board?
7. Is there any system set up in your state to identify and monitor excessive prescription writing? If not, why not?
8. Have you received any training or guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies to help identify potential issues with prescription drugs?
9. Does your state maintain a database of all prescribed controlled-substances? If so, what entities have access to it?
10. Does your state have any point-of-sale restrictions related to maximum units, prior authorization, therapeutic duplication, or early refill? If not, why not?
11. Were any of these top ten prescribers identified in the federal-mandated Drug Utilization Review or CMS-base retrospective reviews?
12. Does your state have any programs in place to educate providers about the prescription of antipsychotics to children and adolescents?

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention in this matter. When responding to this letter, please number your answers in accordance with my questions.

I would appreciate a response by February 13, 2012. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erika Smith of my staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
US Senate Committee on Judiciary
Washington, DC 20510-6275

Dear Senator Grassley:

Thank you for your letter regarding the most appropriate use of prescription drugs within the nation's Medicaid programs. We share your interest in protecting the California Medicaid (Medi-Cal) program from fraud, waste and abuse.

1. What action, if any, has your agency taken with respect to the prescribers identified to the Committee?

Response: Please refer to the enclosed list of providers and the actions taken.

2. If there has been no action taken with respect to these prescribers, please explain why not.

Response: A high level of prescribing for any given medication is not necessarily an indication of fraudulent, wasteful, or abusive activities. Medi-Cal, however, does consider this as one of many criteria in its fraud detection methodologies. A provider's status in the Medi-Cal program is also a factor in the decision to investigate a provider. Physicians not enrolled in the Medi-Cal program may prescribe medication for Medi-Cal recipients, and their non-enrolled status limits Medi-Cal's authority to sanction their prescribing practices. In addition, the effectiveness of these sanctions or controls is hindered, due to the fact that it is dependent upon the pharmacist entering the prescriber's national provider number accurately on pharmacy claims. We anticipate that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will remedy this problem by requiring prescribing providers to enroll in Medicaid.

3. Please identify which of the providers identified to the Committee remain eligible to bill the Medicaid Program.

Response: The enclosed document indicates the status of the eligible providers in the Current Enrollment Status column. Those eligible are labeled "Active" or "Active Rendering." The latter indicates that a medical group is billing Medi-Cal on the provider's behalf.

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- 4. Please provide the 2010 and 2011 numbers for the top prescribers of these same drugs.**

Response: Please see the enclosed document.

- 5. Has each of these prescribers been cross-checked for complaints or misconduct with the state medical board or the National Practitioner Data Bank? If not, do you plan to do so?**

Response: California's anti-fraud efforts have resulted in sanctions or controls against six of the 103 providers in question from 2005 to the present. California's routine methodology to combat fraud includes procedures to check multiple sources and databases for information that will enhance efforts to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse. These sources include, but are not limited to, the Medical Board of California, other states' licensing boards, the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System, and the Office of Inspector General exclusion list. We also coordinate with other external entities, such as a Medicare program integrity contractor, and the state Department of Justice (DOJ) Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, among others. We also teleconference quarterly with other large Medicaid programs, including New York, Florida, and Texas, to collaborate and assist each other with fraud prevention efforts.

- 6. Have any of the prescribers identified to this Committee been referred to your state medical board?**

Response: It is our standard policy and practice to refer to the Medical Board of California those providers who commit fraud, waste and abuse of the Medi-Cal program. Four of the providers listed were referred to external entities. Please see the Enclosure for information on specific referrals.

- 7. Is there any system set up in your state to identify and monitor excessive prescription writing? If not, why not?**

Response: As part of our ongoing effort to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in Medi-Cal, our fiscal intermediary and Medicaid staff regularly extract and analyze claims data submitted by prescribing physicians and dispensing pharmacies. The state vigorously monitors excessive prescription writing.

- 8. Have you received any training or guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies to help identify potential issues with prescription drugs?**

Response: CMS recently published "Drug Diversion in the Medicaid Program: State Strategies for Reducing Prescription Drug Diversion in Medicaid" (January 2012), and we have distributed it to appropriate staff for review. We have not received formal training from CMS.

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9. Does your state maintain a database of all prescribed controlled-substances? If so, what entities have access to it?

Response: The DOJ maintains the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) database, which is an electronic monitoring system capable of capturing data for Schedule II-IV controlled substances. DOJ sends quarterly reports to our Department on changes and trends in CURES and on the use and abuse of controlled substances in California.

10. Does your state have any point-of-sale restrictions related to maximum units, prior authorization, therapeutic duplication, or early refill? If not, why not?

Response: California has implemented a variety of utilization controls on various drugs with significant potential for misuse or abuse. These controls include limits on the total number dispensed per claim, frequency of dispensing, limits on number of dispensations allowed in a particular time frame (month, 75 days, or per year), therapeutic duplication edits, maximum quantity edits, and prior authorization requirements.

11. Were any of these top ten prescribers identified in the federal-mandated Drug Utilization Review or CMS-base retrospective reviews?

Response: No. Federally mandated Drug Utilization Review (DUR) and/or CMS-based retrospective reviews have historically been used to identify pharmacy providers (those filling the prescriptions) that are outliers in one or more aspects of dispensing, but have not specifically screened for prescribers (those writing the prescriptions). Prior to passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) there was not a mandate to focus on the prescriber rather than the dispensing pharmacy provider. However, as of March 25, 2011, Section 6401 of the ACA requires Medicaid programs to establish procedures for the screening and enrollment of prescribing providers participating in Medicaid. We are in the process of making the necessary changes to better screen, enroll and monitor the prescribing habits of Medicaid providers. Moving forward, the enhanced identification and monitoring of prescribing providers will make it more feasible to utilize the DUR process in identifying outlying prescribing habits.

12. Does your state have any programs in place to educate providers about the prescription of antipsychotics to children and adolescents?

Response: To date, California has not developed a program or process for educating providers. However, California intends to submit an application for participation in the Center for Health Care Strategies' "Improving the Use of Psychotropic Medications among Children and Youth in Foster Care" quality

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley

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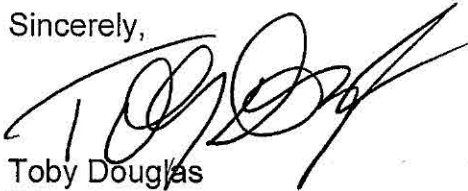
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improvement initiative. If successful, the state intends to utilize participation in this program as a means to facilitate appropriate development of such protocols and methodologies for the Medi-Cal program. California anticipates releasing a Medi-Cal provider bulletin in April 2012 announcing implementation of restrictions on the use of antipsychotic medications in children. The bulletin will provide some background material outlining the appropriate use of these medications in children.

We respectfully note that while high rates of mental health or pain medication utilization are worthy of examination, they are not always absolute indicators of fraud and abuse. We must also consider other factors to determine fraud and abuse including, but not limited to, physicians' specialties, geographic locations and population demographics.

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to these questions. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Douglas', is written over the printed name and title.

Toby Douglas
Director

Enclosure

Enclosure¹

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Abilify (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1841330800	1472	\$756,709	Bass, Tsilyva	Active	No public	LA County Mental Health
1972560449	550	\$752,986	Johnson, Kenneth W	Active Rendering	Procedure/Drug Code Limitation request on all codes. Submitted 10/27/2011	None
1982817466	958	\$577,459	Schwerdtfeger, Don	Active	No public	None
1922189489	1102	\$575,591	Parayno, Maximo A Jr.	Active Rendering	No public	None
1114041712	894	\$568,488	Grewal, Harinder	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1700984911	1100	\$550,339	Heidenfelder, Richard P	Active Rendering	No public	None
1114952876	946	\$514,381	Matalon, Leor	Active	No public	None
1063645356	765	\$486,266	Weber, Armeen W	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1558404541	463	\$471,370	Gould, Sam C	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1427265123	859	\$470,849	Drancea, Georgeta L	Active	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Zyprexa (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1629015656	1133	\$918,396	Nguyen, Mai H	Active	No public	None
1982796165	1202	\$858,103	Pattara, Santi	Active	No public	None
1932292943	906	\$822,183	Nezhadian, Fariborz	Active	No public	None
1134281272	1435	\$752,931	Ton-That, Niern	Active	No public	None
1205902301	1199	\$699,290	Ton-That, Chau	Active	No public	None
1730274176	615	\$621,423	Kushnir, Yaroslav	Active	No public	Referred to Dept. of Justice
1801837927	735	\$597,062	Phun, Kenneth	Active	No public	None
1538101506	476	\$594,606	Wong, Jon	Active	No public	None
1497797427	562	\$589,073	Tolwin, Michael H	Active Rendering	No public	None
1801892799	526	\$575,348	Fischer, Martin S	Active	No public	None

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¹ Temporary Suspensions, reimbursement Withholds, Civil Money Penalty warning letters (with no imposition of penalty), and Post-Service Prepayment Audit (PPM Audit) are preliminary sanctions and controls that DHCS cannot publicly post for due process reasons and are, therefore, not described herein.

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Risperdal (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1942220710	178	\$102,025	Roddy, Sarah M	Active Rendering	No public	None
1548280340	154	\$89,449	Shu, Stanford K	Active Rendering	No public	None
1518980200	46	\$59,289	McClure, Chalmer	Active Rendering	No public	None
1295884088	108	\$45,901	Yacoub, Ehab S	Active Rendering	No public	None
1972615227	56	\$41,500	Chretien, Paul M	Active	No public	None
1891715009	132	\$35,144	Feldman, Gary S	Active Rendering	No public	None
1164538856	88	\$33,050	Carter, Sabrina U	Active	No public	None
1205893245	98	\$31,627	Ismail, Habib A	Active	No public	None
1770684896	30	\$30,360	Farrah, Hassan S	Active	No public	None
1174584411	61	\$30,144	Fox, Elizabeth	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Seroquel (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1629015656	1764	\$730,047	Nguyen, Mai H	Active	No public	None
1730274176	1431	\$709,848	Kushnir, Yaroslav	Active	No public	Referred to Dept. of Justice
1124039052	1342	\$670,916	Etchie, Samuel O	Active	No public	None
1801837927	1112	\$627,038	Phun, Kenneth	Active	No public	None
1932292943	909	\$573,766	Nezhadian, Fariborz	Active	No public	None
1922189489	1801	\$566,074	Parayno, Maximo A Jr.	Active Rendering	No public	None
1063645356	1093	\$552,598	Weber, Armeen W	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1700984911	1087	\$494,832	Heidenfelder, Richard P	Active Rendering	No public	None
1982817466	833	\$484,315	Schwerdtfeger, Don	Active	No public	None
1497813968	963	\$483,478	Kugel, Samuel	Active	No public	None

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Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Roxicodone (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1770679946	9	\$5,570	White, James G	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	Referred to California Medical Board
1245242791	5	\$3,384	Yeh, Joyce W	Active	No public	None
1457544983	2	\$564	Wagner, Susan	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1992836548	1	\$479	Ramstead, Clarissa	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1740213594	2	\$461	Sweetnam, Chad	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1104083815	1	\$454	Nizar, Jonathan M	Active Rendering	No public	None
1427010594	1	\$454	Smilde, Renee I	Active	No public	None
1043301294	1	\$282	Sellens, John	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1083614770	2	\$256	Thota, Naga R	Active	No public	None
1538271648	11	\$193	Nguyen, Christopher	Active Rendering	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Oxycontin (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1962448431	6	\$14,953	Heikali, Moossa	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	Referral to the Radiological Health Branch of California Medicaid
1093898454	5	\$10,624	Ashmead Ali	Active	No public	None
1811051246	4	\$8,909	Leibovitch, Eric R	Active Rendering	No public	None
1124123088	4	\$7,294	Carlin, Marilyn	Active Rendering	No public	None
1720028285	13	\$4,978	Tittle, Kenneth M	Active	No public	None
1336228584	8	\$4,287	Duong, Tu H	Active Rendering	No public	None
1780912014	8	\$4,287	Carrillo, Zulema	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1639199615	5	\$4,001	Tarter, Susan L	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1538241146	7	\$3,273	Sepuya, Samuel M	Active Rendering	No public	None
1114950722	3	\$3,096	Crews, Amanda R	Active Rendering	No public	None

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Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Xanax (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2011

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1720179385	8	\$4,175	Smith, Michael W	Active	No public	None
1043378193	13	\$3,439	Henderson, Harry C III	Active	No public	None
1881683928	6	\$3,131	Rico, Pamela Brandy	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1639297740	12	\$2,660	Samtoy, Henry	Active	No public	None
1578587309	13	\$2,481	Duffin, Michael D	Active Rendering	No public	None
1639128721	9	\$2,034	Saalwaechter, Henry A	Active Rendering	No public	None
1306058938	11	\$1,671	Andrada, Cecilia	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1609041318	12	\$1,631	Cherik, Armen J	Active	No public	None
1083608533	7	\$1,582	Adams, Charles A	Active	No public	None
1639121981	12	\$1,244	Ter-zakarian, Hovanes J	Active Rendering	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Abilify (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1306898317	347	\$668,298	Goff, John L	Active Rendering	No public	None
1114041712	1083	\$625,591	Grewal, Harinder	Inactive/ Deactivated	No public	None
1982817466	1095	\$592,120	Schwerdtfeger, Don	Active	No public	None
1841330800	1056	\$494,777	Bass, Tsilvya	Active	No public	LA County Mental Health
1043378193	852	\$490,659	Henderson, Harry C III	Active	No public	None
1609987510	411	\$472,539	Quisling, Stewart W	Active Rendering	No public	None
1700984911	989	\$470,392	Heidenfelder, Richard P	Active Rendering	No public	None
1114952876	898	\$445,295	Matalon, Leor	Active	No public	None
1336188739	808	\$432,204	Hamrang, Sultana N	Active	No public	None
1063554566	798	\$403,892	Kadoyan, Ara D	Active	No public	None

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Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Geodon (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1043378193	579	\$334,156	Henderson, Harry C III	Active	No public	None
1295802700	466	\$271,212	Smith, Samuel P	Active	No public	None
1922189489	489	\$225,434	Parayno, Maximo A Jr.	Active Rendering	No public	None
1356419758	314	\$209,000	King, Richard D	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1922189489	390	\$188,424	Parayno, Maximo A Jr.	Active Rendering	No public	None
1114041712	441	\$179,933	Grewal, Harinder	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1427190487	364	\$164,479	Garewal, Jagdeep S	Active Rendering	No public	None
1225163140	324	\$152,757	Lasala, Salvador E	Active	No public	None
1568567105	331	\$146,918	Javeed, Suryabanu	Not enrolled	No public	None
1043356850	271	\$141,275	Ahmad, Bushra F	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Zyprexa (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1982796165	1457	\$863,420	Pattara, Santi	Active	No public	None
1134281272	1602	\$680,440	Ton-That, Niem	Active	No public	None
1972560449	375	\$651,559	Johnson, Kenneth W	Active Rendering	All code Procedure/Drug Code Limitation request submitted 10/27/2011.	None
1629015656	980	\$630,472	Nguyen, Mai H	Active	No public	None
1730274176	745	\$592,320	Kushnir, Yaroslav	Active	No public	Referred to Dept. of Justice
1932292943	773	\$572,978	Nezhadian, Fariborz	Active	No public	None
1538101506	525	\$518,877	Wong, Jon	Active	No public	None
1386610988	626	\$504,565	Makhani, Mehboob A	Active	No public	None
1801837927	721	\$502,213	Phun, Kenneth	Active	No public	None
1497797427	574	\$488,645	Tolwin, Michael H	Active Rendering	No public	None

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Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Risperdal (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1942220710	170	\$88,595	Roddy, Sarah M	Active Rendering	No public	None
1548280340	150	\$56,964	Shu, Stanford K	Active Rendering	No public	None
1609987510	96	\$51,296	Quisling, Stewart W	Active Rendering	No public	None
1518980200	43	\$50,447	McClure, Chalmer	Active Rendering	No public	None
1508924788	44	\$46,255	Lara, Fidel M Jr.	Active	No public	None
1295884088	124	\$43,679	Yacoub, Ehab S	Active Rendering	No public	None
1205893245	86	\$39,633	Ismail, Habib A	Active	No public	None
1942246103	71	\$39,603	Michael, Manal Rita	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1972615227	48	\$35,518	Chretien, Paul M	Active	No public	None
1013099290	115	\$34,154	Book, Teri McGinnis	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Seroquel (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1730274176	1641	\$724,978	Kushnir, Yaroslav	Active	No public	Referred to Dept. of Justice
1922189489	2236	\$697,657	Parayno, Maximo A Jr.	Active Rendering	No public	None
1629015656	1822	\$655,522	Nguyen, Mai H	Active	No public	None
1124039052	1352	\$610,970	Etchie, Samuel O	Active	No public	None
1114041712	1547	\$609,914	Grewal, Harinder	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1801837927	1068	\$515,645	Phun, Kenneth	Active	No public	None
1932292943	811	\$493,436	Nezhadian, Fariborz	Active	No public	None
1790880854	786	\$489,794	Colomer De Saca, Nidia M	Active	No public	None
1043378193	804	\$460,778	Henderson, Harry C III	Active	No public	None
1497813968	979	\$458,382	Kugel, Samuel	Active	No public	None

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Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Roxicodone (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1770679946	24	\$13,135	White, James G	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	Referred to California Medical Board
1104841253	3	\$6,942	Salazar, Robert	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1245242791	2	\$1,290	Yeh, Joyce W	Active	No public	None
1508938887	1	\$1,160	Zevin, Barry David	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1730197344	1	\$645	Choi, Chester	Active	No public	None
1053405670	5	\$625	Sato, Robyn K	Active	No public	None
1487618492	1	\$574	Ng, Don C	Active Rendering	No public	None
1659362093	1	\$574	Jones, Dwaine L	Active Rendering	No public	None
1639407174	1	\$479	Eagen, Kellene Vokaty	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1649483884	2	\$466	Kelling, Jonathan G	Active Rendering	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Xanax (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2010

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1700984911	9	\$3,291	Heidenfelder, Richard P	Active Rendering	No public	None
1720179385	6	\$3,131	Smith, Michael W	Active	No public	None
1043378193	12	\$3,009	Henderson, Harry C III	Active	No public	None
1881683928	6	\$2,966	Rico, Pamela Brandy	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1255411609	7	\$2,587	Eng, Gilbert P	Active Rendering	No public	None
1639128721	12	\$2,550	Saalwaechter, Henry A	Active Rendering	No public	None
1578587309	13	\$2,458	Duffin, Michael D	Active Rendering	No public	None
1639297740	10	\$2,125	Samtoy, Henry	Active	No public	None
1689626483	9	\$1,903	Padua, Daniel Natiola	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1740356658	13	\$1,866	Zapata, Reynaldo C	Active Rendering	No public	None

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Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Oxycontin (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2009

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1417945684	566	\$635,926	Giovannini, Andrew	Inactive/Deactivated	Drug Code Limitation specified codes	None
1972691418	200	\$444,692	Manougian, Edward	Inactive/Deactivated	Drug Code Limitation all codes	None
1386653004	150	\$325,033	Shea, Susan I	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None
1215009113	167	\$261,416	Ali, Ashmead	Active	No public	None
1356324909	247	\$254,685	First Care Medical Clinic	Temporary Suspension	No public	None
1770571515	259	\$199,939	Goyal, Hari O	Active Rendering	No public	None
1659387512	193	\$186,430	Betat, David H	Active	No public	None
1700993524	128	\$153,282	Wlodarczyk, Daniel M	Active Rendering	No public	None
1659593648	88	\$137,956	Roll, Frederick J	Active Rendering	No public	None
1144461567	126	\$125,694	Gutierrez, Alfonso	Not a Medi-Cal provider	No public	None

Top Ten Medi-Cal Prescribers of Geodon (name brand only) for Calendar Year 2008

Prescriber Identifier	Total Rx	Total billed to Medi-Cal	Provider	Current Enrollment Status	Sanctions, Controls Imposed on Provider	Referrals
1922189489	1609	\$856,254	Parayno, Maximo A Jr.	Active Rendering	No public	None
1295802700	527	\$319,976	Smith, Samuel P	Active	No public	None
1427190487	413	\$202,980	Garewal, Jagdeep S	Active Rendering	No public	None
1962502179	433	\$202,103	Walayat, Warris R	Active Rendering	No public	None
1104878842	410	\$185,498	Lisiak, Michael H	Active Rendering	No public	None
1063645356	355	\$182,643	Weber, Armeen W	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1225163140	354	\$162,616	Lasala, Salvador E	Active	No public	None
1003868217	396	\$153,180	Ogbechie, Lawrence O	Active Rendering	No public	None
1356419758	219	\$151,462	King, Richard D	Inactive/Deactivated	No public	None
1982817466	308	\$149,718	Schwerdtfeger, Don	Active	No public	None

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